

# Great Sand Dunes

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Great Sand Dunes National Park  
and Preserve



## Free Ranger Programs      July 10 – July 16, 2016

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### Sunday, July 10

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 Minutes

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Better Home Sand Gardens”** -. Come explore the dunes on a Ranger hike and learn about the extreme plants and animals which share such a unique environment. Dunes Lot, 30 minutes

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### Monday, July 11

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

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### Thursday, July 14

**8:45 pm Evening Program – “What’s Under the Dunes?”** - Come join guest scientist Ben Drenth from the USGS as he gives a special presentation on the unique geology of the Great Sand Dunes and the surrounding area, including what is below us! Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Friday, July 15

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 Minutes

**8:45pm Evening Program – “The Sandy West”** - Join a park ranger on a road trip adventure across the country as we discover amazing dune systems and recreational opportunities located all around the Western United States! Amphitheater, 45 minutes.

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### Saturday, July 16

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** - Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Better Home Sand Gardens”** -. Come explore the dunes on a Ranger hike and learn about the extreme plants and animals which share such a unique environment. Dunes Lot, 30 minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program - “The Park after Dark”** - Half the park is after dark! Discover the beautiful secrets of owls, nocturnal animals, stars, planets, galaxies, our moon, and meteors. Touch real pieces of the Moon and Mars! Brief constellation tour with laser pointer afterward, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

*All programs are free and open to the public. More information: [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa) (719) 378-6395*